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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Security Agreement
National Reconnaissance Program

1. Reference is made to the agreement signed on 2 May 1962 by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Deputy Secretary of Defense concerning the establishment and responsibilities of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). Paragraph (3) of the agreement under the title of SECURITY, states as follows:

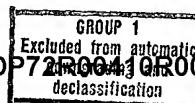
"In accordance with the basic responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence for protection of intelligence sources and methods, CIA will establish security policy for the NRP, including provision for a uniform system of security control and appropriate delegations of security responsibility."

2. In regard to this responsibility, it is proposed that a policy unit, comprised of senior and experienced personnel, be established within the Office of Security and responsible under the Director of Security for the following functions.

- (a) Establish security policy for the NRP encompassing all aspects of the program. Define uniform security practices and procedures under which the program will operate.
- (b) Provide for the delegation of security responsibility, as agreed upon, to participating agencies, departments and other organizational units.

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- (c) Define security liaison relationships between the participating departments and agencies through which problems, issues and interpretations of policy may be resolved.
- (d) Provide a system capability for inspections to ensure that security policy is being uniformly and properly administered.
- (e) To take such other security actions as the DNRO and the DCI may direct and as may appear to be appropriate and necessary.

The chain of command relationships of the DCI, the DNRO and the DDNRO, DDR, may have to be more explicitly defined. However, the establishment of security policy and the security practices and procedures pertinent thereto would be a fully coordinated action approved by the DNRO and the DCI (DDR). The policy unit would initiate the implementation of this policy and any basic changes or variations of policy would be referred to the DNRO and the DCI for decision.

25X1 3. It is considered that the overall security policy will be
25X1 predicated upon [redacted] with adjustments
for those semi-overt programs which, at the present time, do
not utilize [redacted] In the development
of security policy a full briefing of all programs, coming within
the jurisdiction of the NRP and consultation with appropriate
officials, will be necessary. On the basis of policy so developed,
delegations of security responsibility to departments and agencies
can be agreed upon with sub-delegations by those departments and
agencies to operating commands and components within the pro-
gram. Each delegation of security responsibility carries with it
the requirement for strict compliance with the overall security
policy, practices and procedures.

4. The concept of delegations of security responsibility should be predicated upon (a) command responsibilities and (b) utilizing capabilities of the participating departments, agencies and components to perform certain services for the benefit of the entire program.

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In this manner, the efficiency of the security effort can be promoted and duplication of activities avoided. A centralization of certain types of security information and reports can be developed for the mutual benefit of all participating departments. Examples of delegations of security responsibility are envisioned as follows:

- (a) Security responsibility for a program, project or operation.
- (b) Security control and inspection of one or more of the industrial contractors participating in the NRP.
- (c) Responsibility for maintaining a central record of security clearances concerning a department, program, project or perhaps a geographical area.
- (d) Responsibility for the investigation and reporting of security violations, compromises and unauthorized disclosures.
- (e) Responsibility for conducting investigations of and granting security clearances for personnel engaged in a given program, project or industrial contract.
- (f) Responsibility for conducting a counter-intelligence program to ensure the security of a given program, project or operation.
- (g) Such other delegations of security responsibility to a given component that might be carried out for the benefit of the entire program.

5. The Special Security Control Center for the centralization of clearance records of the various compartmented systems of intelligence is now being established in the Office of Security. In view of the close relationship, it is considered logical that the Special Security Control Center would be made an operating part of the policy unit.

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6. It is recommended that this concept of security be proposed in the course of your discussions with the Deputy Secretary of Defense. If this concept is approved, then appropriate staffing of such a program can be developed.



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